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Declass Review by NGA.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Monitoring Trip to the [REDACTED]

1. On 11 October 1968, the [REDACTED] was visited to monitor the Split-Format 1540 Light Table contract [REDACTED] was contacted.

2. During the week of 7 to 11 October, there was essentially no progress on the project. [REDACTED] had promised delivery of a completed layout drawing and the first progress report. No progress has been made on the drawing and the report was not delivered. Delivery of both items is now promised for some time this week.

3. The report was originally due no later than 15 August. If this first report is submitted sometime in the near future, it would report on progress through the end of September. Future monthly reports would be due the first of each month with submission no later than the fifteenth of the month.

4. The design layout of the light table, as configured at this date, is nothing more than a drawing of the 940 light table stretched in the Y direction to accommodate the 15-inch requirement. Two crank handles are shown outboard on each end of the table, mounted on the axis of the film reels. This is an incorrect configuration for the 1540 light table.

5. [REDACTED] is still assuring delivery of the prototype 1540 in six weeks. However, they seem to have a rather limited knowledge of the technical requirements for the development, and have produced a decidedly limited design effort, considering the present point in time of the contract. Delivery of the prototype was due 1 November. Total progress to date is an incomplete and incorrect layout drawing, parts that were only very recently placed on order, and some thoughts as to possible approaches to some of the design problems. The film drive system is one of the major design problems of the development. To date, the total design effort in this direction appears to be some thoughts on the subject in the mind of [REDACTED]

6. Considering the progress made to date on the development, it would appear doubtful that [REDACTED] will deliver the prototype in six weeks.

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7. Another monitoring trip is planned for 18 October.



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